

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10-13, 15-17, 19 and 21-30 were pending.
Claims 1-20, 22-25, 28 and 30 are now cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of that which is defined thereby.
Claims 26, 27 and 29 have been amended. Specifically, these claims have been amended to change the dependency from Claims 1 and 24 to Claim 21.

Claim 21 remains pending and was indicated to be allowed, for which Applicants are grateful.

Claim 26 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the reiterations of the base claim and any intervening claims (Action, page 14). Applicants have done that.

Applicants turn to the substance of the Action.

Section 112 Rejections

Claims 1-6, 8, 10-13, 15-17, 19 and 22-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. More specifically, the Examiner asserts that use of the term "amino

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functional silane with alkoxy functionality" constitutes new subject matter.

Applicants' cancellation of claims and amendment addresses and overcomes this rejection.

Section 102 Rejections

Claims 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Kobayashi et al. (U.S. Patent 5,880,227). Claims 22 and 23 have been cancelled, thereby rendering moot this rejection.

Section 103 Rejections

Claims 1-6, 8, 11, 15, 19, 28 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Kobayashi et al. (U.S. Patent 5,880,227).

Claims 1-5, 11-13, 17 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Stein (U.S. Patent 6,403,105). Applicants' cancellation of these claims renders moot this rejection.

Claims 1, 3-5 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Yorkgitis et al. (U.S. Patent 5,187,015). Applicants' cancellation of these claims renders moot this rejection.

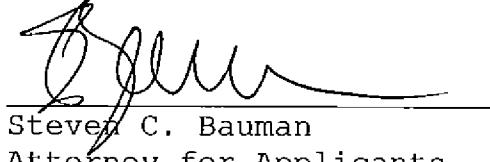
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addresses and overcomes this rejection.

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration and
passage to issue of the present case are respectfully requested.

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